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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR YAOUNDE HEALTH CONFERENCE, SEPT
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1. AS ENVISAGED REFTTEL DR. EDWARD CROSS, AID/AFR, RETURNED GENEVA APRIL 9 AFTER COMPLETING AFRICAN TOUR TO REVIEW WITH SHO/GENEVA OFFICIALS OUTCOME AFRO/BRAZZAVILLE DISCUSSIONS HELD LATE MARCH AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS RELATING TO PREPARATORY WORK FOR SUBJECT CONFERENCE. ACCOMPANIED BY MISSION OFFICERS DR. CROSS HAD NUMBER OF USEFUL SESSIONS WITH INDIVIDUAL OFFICIALS APRIL 9-10 AND COMPREHENSIVE WRAP-UP SESSION APRIL 11 WITH GROUP OF SENIOR WHO OFFICIALS INCLUDING DR. FLACHE, COORDINATION DIVISION DIRECTOR AND DR. NEWELL, STRENGTHENING OF HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR. SINCE DR. CROSS RETURNING AID/W APRIL 15 AND CAN PROVIDE DETAILED REPORT ON DISCUSSIONS THIS MESSAGE WILL ONLY SUMMARIZE MAIN UNDERSTANDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS REACHED:

(A) TITLE OF YAOUNDE MEETING WILL BE: "CONFERENCE
ON COORDINATION AND COOPERATION FOR HEALTH IN AFRICA";

(B) DATES: SEPTEMBER 25-27, 1975

(C) WHO WILL BE SOLE CONFERENCE SPONSOR;

(D) FIVE INITIAL CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES WERE IDENTIFIED.
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FIELD SUBJECT TO FURTHER REFINEMENTS IN FORMULATION AND

POSSIBLE FURTHER ADDITIONS WHICH MAY BE SUGGESTED BY PARTICIPANTS;

(E) TEN POINT PROVISIONAL AGENDA (WHICH WOULD TRACK CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES) TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED;

(F) QUESTION OF WHO WHOULD BE INVITED TO CONFERENCE STILL OPEN AND WILL REQUIRE FURTHER TOP-LEVEL CONSIDERATION WITHIN SHO. ISSUE HERE IS WHETHER TO LIMIT AFRICAN PARTICIPATION TO COUNTRIES WITHIN AFRO'S AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY (PROBABLY INCLUDING EX-PORTUGUESE "TRANSITIONAL TERRITORIES") OR TO INVITE ADDITIONALLY ETHIOPIA, SOMALIA, AND SUDAN (WHICH WHO REALIZES IS STRONGLY DESIRED BY AID AND WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN AGREED IN EARLIER HIGH-LEVEL WHO/USG CORRESPONDENCE) AND, POSSIBLY, REMAINING COUNTRIES ON

AFRICAN CONTINENT, NAMELY TUNISIA, MOROCCO, ALGERIA, LIBYA AND EGYPT. WHO ALSO WISHES EXAMINE DESIRABILITY OF INVITING IN ADDITION TO TRADITIONAL AFRICA HEALTH DONORS SUCH POTENTIAL NEW DONORS AS IRAN, SAUDIA ARABIA, ETC. QUESTION OF WHICH NGOS TO INVITE ALSO OPEN BUT THERE IS CLEAR CONSENSUS NGO NUMBERS SHOULD BE VERY LIMITED. INVITATIONS TO USSR AND CHINA AS DONORS ALSO BEING CONSIDERED.

(G) IT FAIRLY WELL AGREED ALL PARTICIPANTS TO RECEIVE IDENTICAL INVITATION LETTERS, PROBABLY TO BE SIGNED BY WHO DG MAHLER. HOWEVER, PRECISE CONTENT OF LETTER AND QUESTION OF WHO WILL SIGN STILL TO BE DETERMINED WITHIN WHO/GENEVA AND THROUGH FURTHER HEADQUARTERS-REGIONAL OFFICE CONSULTATIONS. SUBSTANCE OF LETTER REVIEWED AT APRIL 11 MEETING AND WE GIVEN INDICATION OPPORTUNITY WILL BE PROVIDED TO USG TO COMMENT ON DRAFT TEXT BEFORE INVITATION LETTER SENT OUT. WHO FULLY UNDERSTANDS NEED FOR SPEEDY ACTION TO RESOLVE INVITATION LETTER ISSUES AND OFFICIALS INDICATED THEY HOPE HAVE LETTER IN MAIL WITHIN WEEK OR TWO AT LATEST.

(H) WHO AGREES IT MUST TAKE ON RESPONSIBILITY FOR COLLATING MATERIALS WHICH MAY BE SUBMITTED BY PARTICIPANTS BUT ADDITIONAL GENEVA/AFRO CONTACTS NEEDED TO DETERMINE LOCATION WHERE WORKING DOCUMENTS FOR CONFERENCE ARE TO BE PREPARED, AND PRECISE DIVISION OF LABOR;

(I) WHO AWARE OF SUG DESIRE FOR FULLEST POSSIBLE CONTACTS AND EXCHANGES OF VIEW AMONG DONORS PRIOR TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YAOUNDE CONFERENCE AND IS IN SYMPATHY WITH UNDERLYING CONCERNS PROMPTING THIS DESIRE. QUESTION OF WHAT WHO CAN DO ALONG THIS LINE, INCLUDING POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA DURING WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY IN MAY, UNDER ACTIVE STUDY AND TO BE BROUGHT TO DIRECTOR GENERAL MAHLER'S ATTENTION;

(J) WHO WILL ADVISE USG REGARDING FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS AS SOON AS THESE REQUIREMENTS BECOME SOMEWHAT MORE

FIRM.

2. COMMENT: MISSION BELIEVES DR. CROSS DID HIGHLY EFFECTIVE JOB IN PERSUASIVELY CONVEYING USG CONCERNS. THERE IS NO QUESTION IN OUR MINDS THAT IMPORTANCE OF YAOUNDE CONFERENCE IN TERMS OF ITS POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO PROMOTION OF BETTER HEALTH CARE IN AFRICA AND TO STRENGTHENING WHO COORDINATING ROLE IS NOW FULLY APPRECIATED BY WHO LEADERSHIP AND THAT ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING GENEVA HEADQUARTERS, WILL TRY DO ALL IT CAN TO INSURE THAT CONFERENCE IS A SUCCESS. THERE IS ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY, OF COURSE, DESPITE ALL THE EVIDENCE WE HAVE OF WHO'S STRONGLY POSITIVE ATTITUDE, THAT THE ORGANIZATION PERCEIVES OR MAY COME TO PERCEIVE POLITICAL PROBLEMS RELATING TO STRENGTHENING COORDINATION IN GENERAL, AND A BROADENED ROLE FOR ITSELF IN COORDINATION IN PARTICULAR, WHICH MAY ULTIMATELY CAUSE IT TO TAKE A SOMEWHAT MORE CAUTIOUS APPROACH THAN WE NOW ANTICIPATE.DALE

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